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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Muhaned Aljabiry

Dear Mr. Chittenden:


We have completed our review of the Stanislaus Council of Governments (STANCOG) Amendment Nos. 16 and 21 to its 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted by your letter dated June 18, 2004. This amendment was adopted by STANCOG on January 27, 2003.

We accept these STANCOG amendments in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendments were developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Region Nine office of the Federal Highway Administration in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding, dated March 8, 1996, on single mode FTIP amendments.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of STANCOG's FTIP Amendment Nos. 16 and 21 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,


Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator

Cc: Gary Dickson, STANCOG